

Trout and Aquaculture Census, 2005

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TROUT: Pennsylvania's 42 commercial trout growers sold 1.52 million pounds of trout, valued at \$4.81 million during 2005, ranking fourth nationally behind Idaho, North Carolina and California. This was up from the 1.37 million pounds valued at \$4.22 million sold in 2004.

Pennsylvania ranks first in the nation for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes. With an estimated value of \$10.8 million, Pennsylvania accounts for 15.1 percent of the value of nation's distributed trout. This includes trout released by state hatcheries, cooperative nurseries, and private fishing clubs. Distributed fish were released by 19 operations in Pennsylvania, but this count excludes cooperative nurseries under contract to state hatcheries.

Sales of trout 12 inches or longer by the State's growers totaled 1.32 million pounds, or 87 percent of the total production sold during the period. This was up 15 percent from a year ago. Averaging \$3.00 per pound, the trout were valued at \$3.96 million. Fee fishing/recreational sales accounted for 66 percent of the production, and sales to processors accounted for 14 percent.

Sales of trout 6"-12" long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 490,000 fish, or 190,000 pounds live weight during the period. This was down 12 percent from the same period a

year ago. At an average of \$4.00 a pound, sales were valued at \$760 thousand, with 92 percent of the volume sold to fee and recreational establishments.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 280,000 fish 12" or longer and 5.5 million 6"-12" fish.

Commercial trout growers in the Commonwealth lost 443,000 trout intended for sale due to various causes. These causes included predators (40 percent), drought (31 percent), and 29 percent to various other causes such as equipment malfunctions.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 19 other states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

For the 20 selected states, the total value of all trout sales during 2005 totaled \$74.2 million. Sales of trout 12" and longer accounted for 84 percent of the pounds sold, with 67 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, 2004-2005

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
12" or longer	1,160	1,290	1,150	1,320	3,335	3,960	2.90/lb.	3.00/lb.
6" - 12"	450	490	216	190	821	760	3.80/lb.	4.00/lb.
1" - 6"	190	290	5	5	67	87	355.00/thou	300.00/thou
Total	1,800	2,070	1,371	1,515	4,223	4,807	-	-

United States: Trout Sales, 2004-2005

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2004 ¹	2005	2004 ¹	2005	2004 ¹	2005	2004 ¹	2005
	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
12" or longer	49,591	55,501	57,636	59,672	59,397	62,554	1.03/lb.	1.05/lb.
6" - 12"	5,518	4,785	2,179	1,836	5,852	5,180	2.69/lb.	2.82/lb.
1" - 6"	5,550	7,059	113	168	9660	1,320	174.00/thou	187.00/thou
Total	60,659	67,345	59,928	61,676	66,215	69,054	-	-

¹ Revised.

United States: Number & Value of Egg Sales, 2004-2005

Item	Number Sold		Value of Sales		Average Price Per 1,000 Eggs	
	2004 ¹	2005	2004 ¹	2005	2004 ¹	2005
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Eggs	289,620	307,472	4,831	5,136	16.70	16.70

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